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Funny Words

hootenanny snaggletooth skedaddle topsy-turvy gewgaw
balderdash flummox wishy-washy thingamabob hunky-dory

SOME WORDS ARE FUN TO KNOW AND USE BECAUSE THEY ARE COLORFUL AND FUNNY.

A **hootenanny** is a gathering of folksingers.

When you **skedaddle**, you run away suddenly.

Topsy-turvy means "upside down."

A **gewgaw** is a showy trinket.

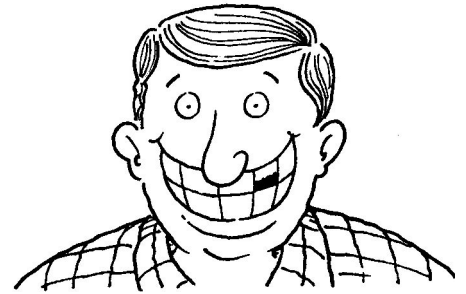
Balderdash means "nonsense."

If you **flummox** someone, you bewilder that person.

If something is **wishy-washy**, it is weak.

If you can't think of the name for something, you might say it's a **thingamabob**.

Hunky dory means "okay."



A broken or uneven tooth is a **snaggletooth**.

A. Read the words in each row. Cross out the word that does not have a similar meaning to the vocabulary word.

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| 1. flummox | flutter | confuse | confound |
| 2. gewgaw | doodad | knickknack | guffaw |
| 3. wishy-washy | clean | feeble | insipid |
| 4. balderdash | poppycock | fiddlesticks | hairless |
| 5. skedaddle | doubt | depart | leave |
| 6. topsy-turvy | disorderly | chaotic | calm |
| 7. thingamabob | ungrammatical | doohickey | whatchamacallit |

B. Write a vocabulary word for each clue.

1. a dental problem 2. not to worry 3. a jam session

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balderdash	flummox	wishy-washy	thingamabob	hunky-dory

A. Use what you know. Write the best word to complete each sentence.

- The tourists stopped to look at a _____ in the window of a souvenir shop.
- After the match, the boxer had a _____ and went to the dentist.
- It was a lazy, warm day, and we all felt kind of _____ about making plans.
- When the waiter dropped the tray, the dishes went _____ all over the place.
- Each summer, fiddle players and singers come from all over to the _____.
- "Don't worry," everything is _____," Uncle Ike assured us after the storm.
- That statement is nonsense and _____.
- "Quick! Get me _____!" yelled Frank in excitement when the shelf fell.
- The boys decided to _____ before their mother thought of any more chores.
- "Don't let the big words in this book _____ you," said the librarian.

B. Read each question. Choose the best answer.

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| 1. What might be a gewgaw? | <input type="radio"/> pin | <input type="radio"/> book | <input type="radio"/> couch |
| 2. Which one's an event? | <input type="radio"/> snaggleteeth | <input type="radio"/> hootenanny | <input type="radio"/> hunky dory |
| 3. Who might be wishy-washy? | <input type="radio"/> coward | <input type="radio"/> villain | <input type="radio"/> heroine |
| 4. How might you react to a storm? | <input type="radio"/> sleep | <input type="radio"/> dillydally | <input type="radio"/> skedaddle |

~ Writing to Learn

Write a promotional piece describing a hootenanny. Use at least three vocabulary words.